



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:  
STEPHEN M. ALLEN ET AL.

CASE NO.: 7560\*37  
(BB1170USPCT)

APPLICATION NO.: 09/720,383

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

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EXAMINER: PHUONG T. BUI

CONFIRMATION NO.: 2343

CUSTOMER NO.: 23906

FOR: PLANT CELLULOSE SYNTHASES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003.

A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month up to and including November 24, 2003 (Monday), is filed simultaneously herewith.

Please enter the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Response** begin on page 6 of this paper.